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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENRG, CA
SUBJECT: ENERGY: WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATORS AND
CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION OPPOSE TRANS MOUNTAIN REVERSAL

REF: A. OTTAWA 4584, B. VANCOUVER 636

1. CONGRESSMAN DON BONKER (WASHINGTON, THIRD DISTRICT)
CALLED EMBOFF JULY 14 TO ASK HOW THOMPSON INQUIRY WOULD
DEAL WITH QUESTION OF KITIMAT PIPELINE PROPOSAL NOW THAT
CONSORTIUM HAS WITHDRAWN ITS APPLICATION TO NATIONAL
ENERGY BOARD (NEB)(SEE REFTTEL A). CONGRESSMAN ALSO SAID
THAT HE, OTHER MEMBERS OF WASHINGTON STATE CONGRESSIONAL
DELEGATION AND STATE LEGISLATORS WANTED TO COMMUNICATE TO
THOMPSON INQUIRY THEIR STRONG, UNQUALIFIED OPPOSITION TO
TRANS MOUNTAIN PROPOSAL TO REVERSE FLOW IN EDMONTON-
CHERRY POINT OIL PIPELINE ON GROUNDS THAT RESULTANT
ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS TO PUGET SOUND WERE UNACCEPTABLE AND
ASKED HOW THIS MIGHT BE DONE.

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2. JULY 15, AFTER CONSULTING WITH CONGEN VANCOUVER,
EMBOFF PASSED FOLLOWING TO DAVE YADEN, CONGRESSMAN BONKER'S
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:

A. KITIMAT PROPOSAL, ALTHOUGH NOT FORMALLY BEFORE NEB,
IS NOT DEAD. THOMPSON INQUIRY WILL HEAR TESTIMONY FROM

KITIMAT CONSORTIUM REPRESENTATIVES AND EVALUATE PROPOSAL
ALONG WITH OTHER PROPOSALS INVOLVING SHIPMENT OF OIL
ALONG B. C. COAST TO PORTS IN CANADA AND U.S. KITIMAT
PROPOSAL, HOWEVER, IS NOW LOW PRIORITY ITEM ON INQUIRY'S
AGENDA (SEE REFTEL B).

B. INQUIRY WOULD WELCOME PRESENTATION BY WASHINGTON STATE
CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AND STATE LEGISLATURE AND ASKED
THAT PRESENTATION BE ADDRESSED DIRECTLY TO INQUIRY.

3. YADEN TOLD EMBOFF THAT CONGRESSMAN BONKER INTENDS TO
PROPOSE THAT WASHINGTON CODEL AND LEGISLATURE WRITE TWO
LETTERS: FIRST WOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT
STATING OPPOSITION TO TRANS MOUNTAIN PROPOSAL, EXPRESSING
PREFERENCE FOR KITIMAT PROJECT AS WEST COAST REGIONAL OIL
TERMINAL FOR ALASKAN AND OTHER OIL SHIPMENTS, AND REQUEST-
ING THAT USG EXPRESS SUCH PREFERENCE INFORMALLY TO GOC.
SECOND LETTER WOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THOMPSON INQUIRY
STATING OPPOSITION TO TRANS MOUNTAIN PROPOSAL. ENDERS

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